

Reading Skills

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What is **READING**?

- **Reading** means to construct meaning from text. Reading is a process that must include thinking before, during, and after reading. We read in order to meaning and understanding.
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How to improve your comprehension during reading

1. Begin from what you already know.
2. Always try to make sense of what you are reading.
3. Ask yourself questions; before, during and after reading.
4. Predict and think about what will happen next in the text, or how your questions will be answered.
5. Read with a purpose. Know why you are reading and what you are reading to find out.
6. Know that as a good reader you often REREAD parts of, or even, the whole text two or more times in order to make sense of what you are reading



The SQ4R Method of reading effectively

- ➡ **SQ4R** is a flexible reading strategy because it engages the reader during each phase of the reading process. Readers preview/SURVEY (S) the text material to develop predictions and set the purpose for the reading by generating QUESTIONS (Q) about the topic.



How to Use SQ4R

1. Survey what you are about to read

- Systematic Reading
- Think about the title: What do you know about this subject?
- What do I want to know?
- Look at illustrations and graphic aids.
- Read the first paragraph.
- Read the last paragraph or summary



How to Use SQ4R

2. Question

Turn the title and sub-titles into question. This becomes the major purpose for your reading.

- Write down any questions that come to mind during the survey.
- Turn headings into questions.
- Turn subheadings, illustrations, and graphic aids into questions.
- Write down unfamiliar vocabulary and determine the meaning.



How to Use SQ4R

3. Read Actively

- Read to search for answers to the questions set.
- Respond to objectives and use context clues for unfamiliar words.
- React to unclear passages, confusing terms, and questionable statements by generating additional questions.

4. Recite

- Look away from the answers and the book to recall what was read.
- Recite answers to the questions aloud or in writing.
- Reread text for unanswered questions.



How to Use SQ4R

5. Write

- Make "maps" for yourself.
- Reduce the information
- Reread or skim to locate and prove your points.
- Write down the key terms and ideas in outline form.
- Always read/question/recite before marking or taking down notes.
- Check yourself against the text. Correct and add to your answer.



How to Use SQ4R

6. Review

- Answer the major purpose questions.
- Look over answers and all parts of the chapter to organize the information.
- Summarize the information learned by creating a graphic organizer (concept map) that depicts the main ideas, by drawing a flow chart, by writing a summary,
- You can also summarize by participating in a group discussion, or by writing an explanation of how this material has changed your perceptions or applies to your life.



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